



**South Carolina
Water Utilities, Inc.**

A SouthWest Water Company

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The Honorable Justin T. Williams
Chairman, Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Chairman Williams:

I am pleased to inform you South Carolina Utility Systems, Inc., a subsidiary of SouthWest Water Company, has acquired the membership interests of Ni South Carolina Utilities, Inc. and Ni South Carolina, LLC, respectively the parent companies of Palmetto Utilities, Inc. and Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC.

As you know, SouthWest Water Company is headquartered in Sugar Land, Texas, owns and operates water and wastewater utilities serving approximately 600,000 people in Alabama, California, Oregon, South Carolina, and Texas. We are proud to already own and operate two utilities in South Carolina: Kiawah Island Utility, Inc. and South Carolina Water Utility, Inc. (formerly Harbor Island Utility, Inc. and T.J. Barnwell Utility, Inc.) and we have applied for approval to purchase the assets of CUC, Incorporated.

We look forward to supporting our two newest utilities in South Carolina with our engineering expertise, operational excellence, capital resources and dedicated management team. Please rest assured that the transfers of ownership will not disrupt the day-to-day operations or customer service of Palmetto Utilities and Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation. Recognizing their importance to customers and the utilities, we have made arrangements to retain all available Ni employees. Further, I have just personally relocated my family and extended family to Columbia to oversee the operations.

If the Commission so desires, we would gladly provide you with more information about SouthWest Water Company's expanded operations in South Carolina in an allowable *ex parte* briefing in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CSorensen".

Craig Sorensen, P.E.
President

c: The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
The Honorable Nanette S. Edwards
The Honorable Carri Grube-Lybarker